

**MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3
First Sunday in Lent - February 18, 2024
Annual Meeting Sunday**

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Gathering Music

**God is good, all the time...
all the time, God is good.**

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Song Open Our Eyes Lord

**Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him.**

And say that we love Him.

Open our ears Lord. And help us to listen.

Open our eyes Lord. We want to see Jesus.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

Call to Worship *(from Gathering 2024)*

We have come to celebrate God,
**the God who guided our ancestors to build this
community of faith.**

We have come to celebrate God,
the God who is with us even now.

We have come to give thanks for our past
**and to seek God's presence and guidance now
and for the future.**

Hymn Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights VU 108

**1 Throughout these Lenten days and nights
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope till Easter Day.**

**2 The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
who found in weakness greater power,
embraces us, though lost and flawed,
and leads us to his Rising Hour.**

**3 We bear the silence, cross and pain
of human burdens, human strife,
while sisters, brothers help sustain
our courage till the Feast of Life.**

- 4 And though the road is hard and steep,
the Spirit ever calls us on through
Calvary's dying, dark and deep,
until we see the coming Dawn.**
- 5 So let us choose the path of One
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!**
- 6 Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing
and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings
on Easter Day will rise again!**

Opening Prayer

**Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope.
Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us
with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope
may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise
and love. Amen.**

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song – Great and Mighty

Great and mighty is the Lord our God

Great and mighty is he, Great and mighty is the Lord our God

**Great and mighty is he, Lift up your banner, let the anthems
ring, Praises to our King!**

Great and mighty is the Lord our God

Great and mighty is he;

**Ministry of Music The Farside Banks of Jordan
Allan & Barb Groundwater**

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts that fill our lives. Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust. Shower us with your mercy and grace, that we may embrace the fullness of life and love, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the mercy of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

We are a forgiven people. We are told that our light has come. We are challenged to be light in this world, for we are graced by the Light of Life.

Scripture readings:

Genesis 9:8-17 read by Sheila Huntley

1 Peter 3:18-22 read by Sheila Huntley

Mark 1:9-15 read by Rev. Jacob Shaw

Message

Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised VU 120

**1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my
guide.**

- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I
hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and
within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my
soul from sin.**
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my
soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

Invitation to Share our Offering

***Offering Song MV#191**

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

Offering Prayer *(from Gathering Epiphany 2024)*

**We are your presence in the world, Gracious God.
Thank you for this act of offering, the giving of gifts
that allow us to maintain this place of worship and
further the work of this sacred community. Thank you,
O God, for the Holy Spirit, who continues to blow among
us and through us, inspiring us to take on our work in
the world. May we continue to dream your dream, that
your kingdom might be known and experienced among
us and through us. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Hymn Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery VU 121

**1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
 in your death we are reborn,
 though you die in all of history,
 still you rise with every morn,
 still you rise with every morn.**

**2 Seed that dies to rise in glory,
 may we see ourselves in you,
 if we learn to live your story
 we may die to rise anew,
 we may die to rise anew.**

**3 We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word,
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.**

**4 Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.**

**5 Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be,
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.**

Benediction *(from Gathering Epiphany 2024)*

Let us go from this place to be Christ's church out in the world. May we serve in faithfulness and love. And may the grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Sung Benediction Go Now in Peace

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † † †

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Today: Please join us in the Church Hall following the Service of Worship for lunch and the Annual Meeting.

Tuesday: Bible study 1:00 p.m. Parlour

Wednesday: Scrapbooking 9:30 a.m. Board Room

In case of inclement weather call the church office 857-4817. The phone message will indicate if church Service is cancelled.

If you would like to have church envelopes please call the church office.

**Live stream and previous Services may be found at:
mountainviewunited.ca**

**FRIDAY MARCH 1 - *World Day of Prayer* St. Paul's
United Church, Riverview– MAKE YOUR OWN
GREETING CARDS – join Carmen Marshall to make 3
themed cards: Birthday, Thinking of You & Sympathy.
three dates to choose from: Monday – Feb. 19 @ 1 p.m.
or Wednesday – Feb. 21, Feb. 28 @ 1pm. Limit of Six (6)
people per session. \$10 per session (includes everything to
make the cards). Call Carmen at (506) 866-5148 to
register. Bring a friend and enjoy this Fun Event!**

**FRIDAY MARCH 1 - *World Day of Prayer* worship
service beginning at 2 pm here at St. Paul's in Riverview.**